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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2009.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 5,7,11,13,14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S5108)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/12/2005
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schaus (US-6523651).

Regarding claim 1, Schaus discloses a rotatable hub (16) having an outwardly projecting radial flange (20) defining an outwardly facing edge, a braking rotor (14) which is integral with or fixed for rotation with a flange (15) which projects radially inwards and which defines an opening with an internal edge, wherein the edges of the two flanges are adjacent to each other and face each other radially (fig 3), wherein the edges have, at least along one portion thereof, the same non-circular shape in the same radial plane (fig 3).

Regarding claims 2-4, see edges of flanges 15, fitting into cavity (17) and are substantially aligned in the same radial plane (figs 2-4).

Regarding claim 6, see cavity (17) and flanges (15) projected radially inwardly.

Regarding claim 8, see flange and outward edges of (20) in figs 2-4.

Regarding claim 9, see (20), fig 1.

Regarding claim 10, see (14) in fig 3, flanges (15) and cavity (17) in which (20) projects into.

Regarding claim 12, Schaus discloses the recited structure as seen in figure 1-4. Product by process claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps, only the structure. See MPEP 2113.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Brunetto, Tedesco, Gripemark, Burgoon, Yamamoto, and Gross were all used during examination but were not relied upon for rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES K. HSIAO whose telephone number is (571)272-6259. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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